

City on a mission

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After several hours of accounting and economics earlier in the day, the City Council and senior city administrators' budget retreat has progressed into a more ethereal realm: strategic planning.

Right now, they're on the city's mission statement.

The city has a mission statement? A good many city employees probably aren't aware of it either, observed Mayor Pro Tem Cora Cole-McFadden. So, for the record, here it is:

The City of Durham is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by delivering cost-effective highly responsive services with integrity and friendliness

"I think it's a mouthful," said councilman Farad Ali.

To make City Hall's strategic-planning plan perfectly clear, the Web site is going live momentarily:

<http://www.durhamnc.gov/strategicplan/index.cfm>

<http://blogs.newsobserver.com/bullseye/city-on-a-mission>